

NORTH DAKOTA



Emergency Medical
Services for Children



EMSC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 4, 2015 - 12:00 PM (CST)
North Dakota State Capitol
Health Facilities Conference Room

TELECONFERENCE
Dial 1-866-775-0805

In attendance:, Rachael Bucholz (North Dakota Safety Council), Nicole Brunelle (State Trauma Coordinator), Sarah Myers (Child Care Aware), LeAnn Kellar (Family Advocate, Wilton Ambulance), Fahtima Finley Hood (Traffic Control and Safety, Three Affiliated Tribes), Elizabeth Pihlaja (EMSC Coordinator), Tom Nehring (DEMST Director), Ruth Hursman (HPP Division Director), Lindsey Narloch (DEMST Research Analyst), and Jan Franklund (EMSC)

Minutes from the March 6, 2015 meeting were approved with no changes

EMSC Program Update – Elizabeth

EMSC Day -

- Elizabeth and Jan spent part of the morning and afternoon at Missouri Valley Montessori School
- Tony, a Paramedic with Metro Ambulance, brought an ambulance to the school for the kids to tour and he answered any questions.
- Tony explained what happens when a 911 call comes in and the ambulance is dispatched, including putting on the lights and siren.
- Other activities at the school included Elizabeth reading a book to the kids about Paramedics, EMTs and First Responders and what they do.
- The kids did a freeze dance game and made a giant thank you card for Tony.

Voluntary Ambulance Recognition Program –

- The application for participation has been approved and is ready to be sent/emailed out.
- The application can be found on our website www.ndhealth.gov/EMS
- Ordering decals for the ambulances is in progress

Planned Activities for the Coming Year -

Training –

Elizabeth is planning to use the bulk of her carryover money for education – Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition and Stabilization (PEARS) –

- Planning to have a PEARS Courses in the four regions of the state

Basic Assessment in Pediatric Emergencies Trainings –

- Elizabeth has gotten several requests for a training of this type and she is hoping to do one in every region

Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP) Course –

- Hoping to hold a PEPP Course around the time of the State EMS Conference (April)

Other plans for carryover money –

- Promoting pediatric CPR, AED use and First Aid training with the North Dakota Safety Council, including possibly applying for grants to help fund scholarships for those who cannot afford the training

Ambulance QI pilot project -

Move toward involvement in Quality Improvement (QI) pre-hospital and hospital wide –

- DEMST is currently working on a QI pilot project with ambulances in the northwest segment of the state
- Working to see how EMSC could get involved and start collecting pediatric patient data
- Would like to move toward getting a QI system in place in emergency departments for pediatrics –

Increase outreach to rural areas and travel communities by working specifically with Injury Prevention on –

- Impaired and distracted driving safety
- Safe transportation of children using car seats appropriately
- Transitioning to booster seats appropriately
- Doing car seat checks in those communities

Reached out to representatives from each tribal area in the state –

- Hoping to get a group of people from our committee and from outside sources working with Dawn Mayer from the Department of Health for child seat safety to be able to do more outreach in communities that we have yet to get into

Working on guides for emergency departments for how they can work to achieve pediatric readiness according to the Peds Ready Project -

- Looking to provide those guides, technical assistance calls, some troubleshooting and eventually move to a QI system
- The hope would be that by laying this ground work we can eventually move to a pediatric recognition program

Getting funding for transport devices -

- Pedi-Mate – this is a flat harness you can attach to a stretcher – this is for children who weigh 10-40 pounds
- When shipping out equipment, Elizabeth has been including a letter with a mini survey looking for updated requests for what kind of equipment and/or training they need – across the board transport restraint systems was the number one thing with most people requesting a Pedi-Mate
- Ideally, Elizabeth would like to provide them with a grant-like option to purchase what they feel is best for their service

Elizabeth is planning to work with EMS agencies to develop preparedness plans for large scale pediatric emergencies (like the bus accident with the train), school shootings, etc.

Pre- Hospital Subcommittee Update –

- Met three times working on the volunteer ambulance recognition program.
- Now that this is moving forward, the committee will be doing maintenance; checking in so make sure it is progressing.
- One of the requirements of the program is that the ambulance does a community outreach event in their community involving peds, family and outreach.
- Elizabeth is planning to have a data base of those events on our website.

New subcommittees to be formed –

- Hospital
- Outreach/education

DEMST projects – EMSC Involvement –

Pilot Project in NW section of the state – Ambulance QI project -

- The committee working on this pilot project have gotten together to develop their own QI process with their own indicators
- Elizabeth and Lindsey are going to encourage data collection for pediatrics when they are ready to add more indicators

Cardiac Ready Community –

- Working with Powers Lake on a template for this project that could be used in other communities
- Elizabeth would like to involve EMSC in working with the schools with training and maintenance of AEDs

EMSC Advisory Committee Partner Update – North Dakota Safety Council –

- Rachael presented a powerpoint introducing the ND Safety Council, including the services, courses and trainings they provide to communities, government agencies, non-profits and many occupational entities including manufacturing and farming
- For more information on the North Dakota Safety Council, go to www.ndsc.org

Committee Member Updates –

Ruth Hursman–

- Hospital Preparedness Conference, August 27, 2015, Ramada Bismarck Hotel
 - There will be a focus on pediatrics and hospital disaster plans
- State Trauma Conference is September 9 -10, 2015 at the Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck
 - The Pediatric Speaker will be Dr. Josh Ranum from Hettinger who will be speaking on CT scans and the pediatric patient

Nicole Brunelle –

- Nicole has replaced Ruth on the EMSC Advisory Committee
- She is the North Dakota State Trauma Coordinator within the Division of EMS and Trauma.

- She comes to us from St. Alexius Hospital where she worked as a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Room.
- She travels once a month to work in the ER at Mercy Medical Center in Williston and is a flight nurse for Bismarck Air Medical
- Welcome, Nicole

Fahtima Hood –

- Fahtima is newest committee member of the EMSC Advisory Committee.
- She is the Traffic Safety Coordinator for the Three Affiliated Tribes located on the Fort Berthold Reservation in New Town.

There are six segments within the reservation -

- White Shield
- Parshall
- New Town
- Four Bears
- Mandaree
- Twin Buttes
- The reservation covers one million acres.
- Mandaree is the only segment that has their own ambulance service, Mandaree EMS
- The only ambulance service they had prior to Mandaree was New Town to cover this large area
- Welcome, Fahtima, and we look forward to working with you

Rachael –

- No further update

LeAnn –

- No update
- LeAnn asked if anyone knew of funding available for cameras inside school buses
- Elizabeth will look into it

Sarah –

- No update –

Carol Thurn –

Was not able to attend, but provided this update –

- Ford Driving Skills for Life Event for ND Teens –
 - June 20, 2015 - Dickinson High School Parking Lot
 - July 7-8, 2015 - Fargo
 Please go to www.ndcodefortheroad.org/step-up/ for more information
- Occupant Protection Assessment took place May 18-22, 2015
- The Traffic Safety Partners Occupant Protection and Young Drivers sub-committee of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan met and are putting together plans on how to change the culture of ND in promoting seat belt use and distracted driving and decreasing the injuries and fatalities.
- The summer driver education classes are under way

- Motorcycle Training is also underway in ND. Go to www.ndmsp.com/ to sign up

Next meeting – September 3, 2015 - Face to Face –North Dakota Health Department,
Judicial Wing, State Capitol – AV Room 212

Meeting adjourned